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As a consultant who works in the technology field, I am strongly opposed to the way the government has been handling this case of late. Microsoft, as a matter of course, uses it's monopoly position to carry out the most outrageous anticompetitive practices.

Indeed, they are the very picture of arrogance. They stifle innovation at every turn, even as they take credit for other peoples' initiatives. Their complete lack of concern for software security for instance, has cost companies thousands of dollars in lost revenue.

I urge the Department of Justice to stop helping Microsoft achieve dominance in school systems, and instead deliver the most severe punishments allowed by law.

While I prefer a break up of Microsoft, I understand this may not now be possible. In any case, I would think the government would look at how much money Microsoft really has, and ask for both compensatory and punitive damages based on the billions they've cost not only consumers, but State, Federal and local governments as well. This should be calculated to include the loss of jobs at other, competing firms as Microsoft's threats have forced corporations to dump other viable technologies or suffer the wrath of Redmond.

These things are all well documented, and Microsoft has made it clear that they are both unrepentant and unbowed. Even today, they continue their efforts to dominate at all costs, even if it means that America falls behind in cutting edge technology.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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Citizen of the United States of America